

REMARKS

Claims 1–21 are pending in the present application.

Claims 3, 5–6, 10, 12–13 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 5, 10, 12 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims; claims 6 and 13 depend from claims 5 and 12, respectively.

Claims 1, 8 and 17 were amended herein; claim 21 was added.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 (Obviousness)

Claims 1–2, 4, 7–9, 11, 14–16 and 18–20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,560,951 to *Fütterer* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,683 to *Gu et al.* This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 8 and 15 each recite at least one inductance connected and sized to reduce a stray capacitance seen across the inputs or outputs within an equivalent circuit for the SAW resonator at a selected frequency such that any residual stray capacitance is less than a motional capacitance within the SAW equivalent circuit. Such a feature is not found in the cited references, taken alone or in combination.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1–2, 4, 7–9, 11, 14–16 and 18–20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103
has been overcome.

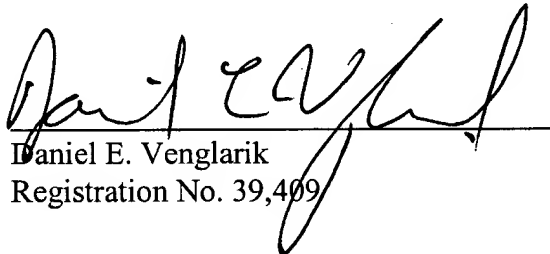
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

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